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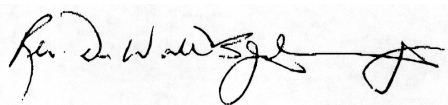
The Ministerial Alliance Against the Digital Divide (MAADD) is a 175,000+ member next generation civil rights organization devoted to bridging the Digital Divide and promoting personal and economic development in low income and minority communities across the country. The organization is led by ministers who are passionate about the need to promote technology as a means to transform the economic, social, political and cultural landscapes in our nation's low income and minority communities.

On behalf of the communities that we serve, I am writing today to urge you to support the acquisition of T-Mobile by AT&T. This merger will bring more state-of-the-art wireless broadband investment and help bridge the Digital Divide in low-income and minority communities across the nation.

Today, mobile broadband has become a necessary tool for education and economic development. However, it is hard to ignore that there are still many communities in our great land that lack access to high-speed wireless broadband and other emerging forms of broadband technology. The proposed merger would put more opportunity in the hands of the people by expanding investment in 4G wireless technologies. This in turn will bring economic development to low income and minority communities and provide better access to healthcare, education and jobs. It will also act as a major step in the right direction toward the FCC's and the President's goal of achieving ubiquitous access to broadband.

This merger means that many of the neediest communities in both metropolitan and rural areas of the United States will finally have access to widespread 4G mobile broadband technology and faster and easier upgrades. This in turn will bring fresh opportunities for our nation to compete in the global economic marketplace. I encourage you to support us in this effort to bring opportunity and prosperity to communities that need it most.

Sincerely,



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Reverend Roosevelt Watkins III  
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